

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

The listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing Of Claims

1. (currently amended) A system for developing an emergency plan for a building, said system executing the steps of:

collecting data that defines architectural features of a building that has walls;
developing a floor-by-floor digital image of the building, said floor-by-floor digital image being based on said collected data that is collected by the collection system;
organizing the digital image of at least one floor of the building into one or more coded zones, said coded zones being broken into segments that are defined by walls of the building;
associating the segments of each coded zone of said building with alpha/numeric characters that are unique to said coded zone; and
maintaining said floor-by-floor digital image at a location that is outside of said building and that is also available to emergency responders.

2. (currently amended) The system of Claim 1 wherein the segments of each of said coded zones are defined spaces within said building and wherein physically adjacent members of said segments within a zone are identified by a symbol or combination of symbols according to a selected pattern.

3. (currently amended) The system of Claim 1 or 2 wherein said floor-by-floor digital image is retained by an emergency responder.

4. (currently amended) The system of Claim 1, 2 or 3 wherein said system further includes a set of standard symbols that represent architectural features, and wherein said data collection is accomplished by includes combining applying said standard symbols with to a drawing of at least one floor of the building, said drawing showing the exterior and interior walls that are located on that floor.

5. (currently amended) The system of Claim 4 wherein said set of standard symbols are in the form of decals that are applied to the drawing of the building.

6. (currently amended) The system of Claim 4 or 5 wherein said step of developing a digital image of the building includes developing a plan view of at least one floor of the building includes developing a digital image of the based on a drawing of at least one floor of the building.

7. (currently amended) The system of Claim 6-5 wherein said digital image is stored as a read-only digital file.

8. (currently amended) The system of Claim 6 wherein the color-coded zones are added to ~~the~~ of the digital image of the drawing of at least one floor of the building are color-coded zones.

9. (currently amended) The system of Claim 6, ~~7 or 8~~ 1 wherein the internal segments of the drawing of at least one floor are color-coded zones of the building are defined by the internal and external walls of the building.

10. (currently amended) The system of Claim 6 or 9 wherein the alpha/numeric characters are added to the digital image of the drawing of at least one floor of the building.

11. (currently amended) The system of Claim 1, ~~2, 3 or 4~~ 9 further including door insignias, said door insignias being applied in the vicinity of ~~the~~ doors at least one door of at least one floor of the building to indicate the zone and segments that are accessed by entry through said door.

12. (currently amended) The system of Claim 11 wherein said door insignias are applied in the vicinity of ~~the~~ an exterior doors door of at least one floor of the building to indicate the zone and segments that are accessed by entry through said exterior door.

13. (currently amended) The system of Claim 11 wherein said door insignias are applied in the vicinity of ~~the~~an interior doors ~~door~~ of at least one floor of the building to indicate the zone and segments that are accessed by entry through said interior door.

14. (currently amended) The system of Claim 11 wherein the coded zones are added to the digital image of at least one floor of the building as color-coded zones and wherein said door ~~decals has~~insignias have a color that corresponds to the color of the zones that are accessed through ~~said~~the door in the vicinity of ~~said~~ insignia, and wherein said door insignias also has have alpha/numeric characters that correspond to the segments that can be accessed through said door.

15. (currently amended) A method for developing an emergency plan for a building, said method comprising the steps of:

collecting data that defines architectural features of a building ~~that has walls~~;
developing a floor-by-floor digital image of the building, said floor-by-floor digital image being based on ~~said~~ collected data that is ~~collected by~~ collected by the collection system;
organizing the digital image of at least one floor of the building into one or more coded zones, said coded zones being broken into segments that are defined by walls of the building;
associating the segments of each coded zone of said building with symbols or combinations of symbols that are unique to that segment; and

maintaining said floor-by-floor digital image at a location that is available to emergency responders.

16. (currently amended) The method of Claim 15 wherein the segments of each of said coded zones are defined spaces within said building and wherein physically adjacent members of said segments within a zone are numbered/identified by a symbol or combination of symbols according to a selected pattern.

17. (currently amended) The method of Claim 15 or 16 wherein said floor-by-floor digital image is retained by an emergency responder.

18. (currently amended) The method of Claim 15, 16 or 17 wherein said method further includes a set of standard symbols that represent architectural features, and wherein said data collection is accomplished by applying said standard symbols to includes combining symbols that represent architectural features with a drawing of at least one floor of the building, said drawing showing the exterior and interior walls that are located on that floor.

19. (currently amended) The method of Claim 18 wherein said set of standard symbols are in the form of decals that are applied to the drawing of the building.

20. (currently amended) The method of Claim 18 or 19 wherein said step of developing a digital image of the building includes developing a plan view of at least one floor

of the building ~~includes developing a digital image of the~~ based on a drawing of at least one floor of the building.

21. (currently amended) The method of Claim 20-14 wherein said digital image is stored as a read-only digital file.

22. (currently amended) The method of Claim 20-16 wherein the coded zones of the digital image of the drawing of at least one floor of the building are color-coded zones.

23. (currently amended) The method of Claim 20, 21 or 22-15 wherein the internal segments of the ~~digital image of at least one floor~~ coded zones of the building are defined by the internal and external walls of the building.

24. (currently amended) The method of Claim 20 or 23 wherein the symbols that are associated with segments of each coded zone are alpha/numeric characters that are added to the digital image of the drawing of at least one floor of the building ~~are alpha/numeric characters~~.

25. (currently amended) The method of Claim 15, 16, 17 or 18 further including applying door insignias, ~~said door insignias being applied in the vicinity of the doors~~ at least one door of at least one floor of the building to indicate the zone and segments that are accessed by entry through said door.

26. (currently amended) The method of Claim 25 wherein the coded zones of the digital image of at least one floor of the building are color-coded zones and wherein the symbols that are associated with segments of each coded zone are alpha/numeric characters, and also wherein said door insignias have a color that corresponds to the color of the zones that are accessed through saidthe door in the vicinity of said insignia, and wherein said door insignias also have alpha/numeric characters that correspond to the alpha/numeric characters of the segments that can be accessed through said door.